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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING ARMS EXPORTS

REF: STATE 28053

1. ALL ARMS EXPORTS FROM NIGERIA ARE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (FMG) CONTROL.

2. LICENSES ISSUED BY THE FMG ARE REQUIRED TO EXPORT HEAVY ARTILLERY, EXPLOSIVE OR GAS DIFFUSING PROJECTILE EQUIPMENT, ROCKET WEAPONS, BOMBS AND GRENADES, MACHINE GUNS AND MACHINE PISTOLS, MILITARY RIFLES (7.62 MM AND .303 CALIBRE), REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS (WHETHER RIFLED OR UNRIFLED), AND ANY OTHER FIREARMS NOT SPECIFIED AS PERSONAL (SEE PARA 3). THE AMMUNITION FOR THE ABOVE LISTED EQUIPMENT IS SUBJECT TO SIMILAR EXPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES. THE FMG MAY IMPOSE TERMS OR CONDITIONS ON THE EXPORT OF THE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION, WE CONSIDER IT LIKELY THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, THE CABINET OFFICE, THE POLICE AND PERHAPS THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN APPROVING SUCH EXPORTS.

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3. NIGERIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS MAY AUTHORIZE THE EXPORT OF

PERSONAL FIREARMS (SHOTGUNS, SPORTING RIFLES, AIR-GUNS, AIR-RIFLES,
OR AIR-PISTOLS AND "HUMANE KILLERS OF THE CAPTIVE BOLT TYPE")
AND MUZZLE-LOADING FIREARMS (UNRIFLED DANE-GUNS, FLINT-LOCK GUNS
AND CAP-GUNS) UPON SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OR PERMIT HELD FOR
THE WEAPON.

4. COMMENT: ARMS EXPORT IS NOT A BUSINESS IN NIGERIA. THE FMG
MAY OCCASIONALLY SUPPLY THE OAU'S LIBERATION COMMITTEE OR A SPECIFIC
LIBERATION MOVEMENT WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION (AS IN THE CASE OF THE
MPLA AND ANGOLA THIS YEAR) BUT THE COUNTRY IS GENERALLY AN IMPORTER
RATHER THAN AN EXPORTER OF ARMS.
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